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Greater Mysuru: Issues and Challenges

Experts at workshop call for long-term sustainable planning to tackle city's expansion challenges

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&BCT)- Against the backdrop of the State Government directing the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner to prepare a detailed report, along with necessary data, for the formation of 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation,' a daylong workshop on 'Greater Mysuru: Issues and Challenges' began in the city this morning.

With Mysuru's rapid horizontal expansion, residential areas beyond the Outer Ring Road (ORR) have witnessed significant growth, necessitating better urban planning and governance. The proposal to include over 30 surrounding villages in the 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' has further intensified discussions on sustainable urban development.

The workshop, held at Prof. K.S. Rangappa Auditorium, University of Mysore, is organised by the School of Planning and Architecture, University of Mysore, in collaboration with the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI), Mysuru Regional Centre, Mysuru and Karnataka Regional Chapter, Bengaluru. Over 150 urban planners, architects, students of architecture, and subject matter experts are participating.

A.N. Raghunandan, Commissioner, MUDA and M.K. Savitha, Registrar, University of Mysore, watering the sapling to inaugurate the workshop at Manasagangothri in city this morning. Others seen are (from left) Dr. H.S. Kumara, Professor and Head, School of Planning and Architecture; Dr. L. Shashikumar, Chairman, ITPI Karnataka Regional Chapter; Dr. B. Shankar, Convenor, ITPI Mysuru Centre; Prof. Pramod M. Gawari, Director, School of Planning and Architecture and Dr. S. Yashaswini, Secretary, Mysuru Regional Centre.

Call for thoughtful urban planning

Inaugurating the workshop, University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha emphasised that as the State Government moves forward with plans for Greater Mysuru, it is crucial to ensure that development is well-structured and does not lead to unplanned urban sprawl.

"Architects, urban planners and representatives from Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), MCC and other Urban Local Bodies have a significant role to play. Growth must be organic, ensuring that both residential and commercial areas develop in a planned manner, ultimately enhancing the standard of living for citizens," she said.

(See MYSURU on page 7)

A paradigm shift in urban growth

MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan noted that Mysuru is undergoing a paradigm shift in urban growth, necessitating a long-term vision to anticipate the city's needs for next 50 years.

"Development is inevitable, but strategic planning is crucial to avoid Bengaluru's urban mess. Policymakers, administrators, academicians and planners must collaborate to tackle Mysuru's challenges and ensure sustainable growth. A proactive approach to infrastructure, mobility and environmental conservation is key to preserving the city's unique character," he said.

As one of India's most visited cities, Mysuru can be a model for urban development globally. Thoughtful planning and sustainable solutions can help it retain heritage while embracing progress, he added.

Mysuru's Piped Natural Gas Project

MCC faces Rs. 25.65 cr. revenue loss as road-digging fees slashed

MLA wants earlier road-digging fee of Rs. 1,957 per metre back

Bengaluru, Mar. 15 (BCT)- The issue of road-digging for the installation of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) pipelines — along with the resulting road damage and meagre fees charged for excavation — was raised in the Assembly yesterday.

K. Harishgowda

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda urged the Government to reinstate the earlier road-digging fees, citing severe revenue losses faced by the MCC.

"For the financial well-being of MCC, I urge the Government to restore the old rates for the gas pipeline project supplying natural gas to households. Additionally, the charges fixed for the installation of private underground cables must not be reduced under any circumstances," Harishgowda stated in the Assembly.

The MLA highlighted that the significant reduction in rates for gas pipeline installation has led to financial setbacks for MCC.

The MLA warned that private companies are now pushing for lower fees on underground cable installations under similar provisions. If this trend continues, developmental projects within MCC limits will be severely impacted.

In 2021, during an MCC Council meeting on Oct. 10, a resolution was passed to fix rates for gas pipeline installations.

(See MCC on page 7)

Woman robbed of gold chain worth Rs. 2.5 lakh at bus stand

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&BS)- A 62-year-old woman was relieved of her gold *mangalsutra* worth Rs. 2.5 lakh at KSRTC Sub-Urban bus stand in city.

The victim Devamma of Chinnagiri Koppal in Srirangapatna had been to Nanjangud temple, along with a group of devotees, on Mar. 13. She was waiting for bus at Platform No. 10 at the bus stand to return to her native at around 6 pm, when she was allegedly robbed of her chain weighing 35 grams.

Lashkar Police Inspector Prasad has collected CCTV camera footage of the bus stand. A case has been registered and investigation is on.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 15th March 2025

MOF to host talk on 'Development as Swaraj' in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on 'Development as Swaraj - Towards a Sustainable and Equitable Future' by Dr. Sumanas Koulagi of Janapada Seva Trust, Melukote, on Mar. 16 at 10.30 am at Kalpa Kshetra auditorium in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase.

Dr. Sumanas Koulagi

Dr. Sumanas Koulagi, after B.Sc from the University of Mysore (UoM), got an MS degree from Oxford and Ph.D from University of Sussex, UK, in 2021. He is the recipient of grants and fellowships as follows: Education grant, The Sidhwa Trust, 2016; Tuition grant, Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation, 2016; Travel grant, Somerville College, University of Oxford, 2014; BCM small grant, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, 2014; Oxford-Indira Gandhi Graduate scholarship, University of Oxford, 2013-14; Summer research fellowship, Indian Academy of Sciences, 2012.

He has authored a book titled 'Development as Swaraj - Towards a sustainable and equitable future' published by Routledge of London. He has contributed a number of articles to Journals, Newspapers and Magazines and has lectured at many forums.

He is an active participant in the activities of Janapada Seva Trust established near Melukote, Karnataka, by seniors of his family. The Trust is doing great service in the improvement in the lives of the downtrodden and physically impaired people especially from rural areas. The Trust has established schools, colleges and training centres.

His talk will focus on establishing freedom as self-service and development to benefit the less fortunate members of society.

The talk is open to all. For details call Mob: 94498-19536.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SHUN HASTY DECISIONS: ***In this world of surgency, people may sometimes make decisions in haste. Aiming to reap some benefits if they perform their deeds impetuously or incautiously, some unwanted issues may arise. Even during unforeseen disasters, relief personnel follow some well-formulated guidelines to tackle emergencies.***

Some may frequently change their jobs, driven by a desire and passion to earn money fast. Their mental make-up impels them. If it rains a couple of days, the quantum of two months of rain wreaks havoc, though water may be available. Everything has its period. It takes a few hours for milk to change into curd in fermentation. The foetus in a mother's womb takes some gestation to grow into a baby. In education, there are certain age limits and some years are prescribed for different levels of study.

Thanneerpalli Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that people should plan well ahead so that work can be neatly executed, however tricky it may be. Tiruvalluvar says the cost of destruction, possible acquisitions and ultimate returns should be considered before launching any action *(Azhivadum Aavadum —* ***kural 461).***

Decisions taken hastily may plunge a person into mental worries and physical exhaustion. Worklife balance — allocating time to the office, home and self — is essential. If someone does not pay attention to this, he may repent later.

Spiritually, a person may also pray to God to remove his difficulties, but he cannot expect to get the much-needed relief immediately after the prayers. He has to have patience as God knows when and how to solve problems. *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Live turtle found in traveller's pants

New Jersey: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said an officer at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey found a live turtle concealed in the crotch of a traveller's pants.

The TSA said the East Stroudsburg, Pa., man was going through the security checkpoint's body scanner when it detected something concealed in his groin area. An officer confronted the man, who "reached down the front of his pants and pulled out a live turtle that was wrapped in a small blue towel," the TSA said.

The approximately 5-inch-long turtle was identified by the man as a red-ear slider turtle. The man was not allowed to board his flight and was escorted away by Port Authority Police.

Antique ambulance's trip breaks world record

Hollywood: The oldest licensed ambulance in the United States earned a Guinness World Record when two men drove it more than 3,200 miles from Hollywood, Calif., to Hollywood, Fla.

The 1972 Cadillac ambulance took the cross-country journey with a team from Symbiosis Ambulance and Axene Continuing Education, an emergency medical service non-profit.

A Guinness World Records adjudicator confirmed the 3,233-mile drive was a new record for the longest journey by ambulance.

The Axene Continuing Education team celebrated the end of their drive by holding an EKG training session with Hollywood Firefighters and EMS personnel.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Apart from acting as a filter, kidneys also produce various hormones which regulate bodily functions. Renin is one such hormone which is responsible for high blood pressure.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Kannada play 'LSD' at Natana

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Thema Theatre Company will be staging the Kannada play 'LSD' at Natana School of Theatre Arts in Ramakrishnanagar in city on Sunday (Mar. 16) at 6.30 pm.

Written by Dr. S.V. Kashyap, the play is directed by Dr. S.V. Sushma. Sunetra Pandit, Sneha Kappanna and Dr. S.V. Sushma will enact the play. Tickets are priced at Rs. 150.

For details, contact Mob: 72595-37777.

About the play: Life is a roller coaster ride stormed by our desires, dreams and fears. It is a constant turmoil between ups and downs and a continuous tussle between joy and pain. But this flying spirit of life has to face a bitter-sweet truth called 'reality.' Not everything we dream to be, desire to have might be ours. But we still move on and embrace whatever the reality throws at us.

In this unfair-uneven society, every tiring heart needs a ray of hope, every frowning face needs a pinch of smile. One such small attempt to make our lives smile is the play 'LSD.'

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REALLY...?

- ***The length of the Ganges River is 1,569 miles long.***
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

John: *If you have spotted the man who stole your car, why don't you get it back?*
Babu: *I'm waiting for him to put on a new set of tyres !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 86.95**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Need flyovers to alleviate traffic congestion

Sir,

As a private sector employee, I commute daily by bike across Mysuru. Over the years, the city's traffic density has been steadily increasing.

Fortunately, Mysuru has wide roads, which help prevent major congestion. However, traffic jams are frequent at junctions, especially on exit roads.

For instance, near JSS College on Ooty Road, traffic congestion is a daily occurrence. I have often seen ambulances stuck in jams, unable to move due to the dividers between lanes.

As a responsible citizen, I am unsure whom to approach regarding this issue. I sincerely hope the authorities will take prompt action.

There is ample scope for developing a flyover or an underpass in high-traffic areas. Let's not wait for a disaster to occur before taking action!

—Dayananda

Mysuru
23.2.2025

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 4th quarterly maintenance works at 220/66/11 KV Hootagalli Receiving Centre, 66/11 KV Hebbal Power Distribution Centre, 66/11 Metagalli Power Distribution Centre and 66/11 KV Hebbal Industrial Area Power Distribution Centre, coming under V.V. Mohalla Division, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Mar. 16) from 10 am to 6 pm:

220/66/11 KV Hootagalli Receiving Centre: Automotive Axles surroundings, Rane Madras Road, Koorgalli, Hootagalli industrial area, Theorem, Spectra Pipes, Varsha Cable, L&T Wipro Lights, Sriram Engineers, Rajat Battery, R.P.G. Cable, Damden Apartment, Hinkal Ashraya Houses and surrounding areas.

66/11 KV Hebbal Power Distribution Centre: Hebbal and surrounding areas, Kumbarakoppal, Tollgate, Vanivilas Layout, Mahadeshwara Extension, Subhashnagar, Surya Bakery, Vijayanagar, Railway Layout, Abhishek Circle, Madegowda Circle, M.G. Koppal, Outer Ring Road, Hampi Circle, Sangam Circle, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Office surroundings, KIADB Industrial Housing Layout, L&T surroundings, Rane Madras surroundings and J.K. Tyre.

66/11 Metagalli Power Distribution Centre: Hebbal industrial area, Metagalli, Brindavan Extension, Lokanayakanagar, Jayadevanagar, B.M. Srinagar, Hebbal Ring Road, HPCL Gas Plant surroundings, Hebbal 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Subramanyanagar, Basavanagudi, SBM Bank surroundings, Hebbal Colony, Hebbal Main Road, Lakshmikanthanagar, Sankranti Circle, Golden Bakery, KIADB Layout, Mayura Circle, Kaveri Circle, Military Quarters, RBI, Vikrant Main Plant and Shivamogga Steels surroundings, Belagola industrial area, KRS Road, Byraveshwaranagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Metagalli industrial area and surroundings.

66/11 KV Hebbal Industrial Area Power Distribution Centre: Koorgalli industrial area, Excel Public School, Vinyas, Koorgalli Lake surroundings, Gopalan Compound, Wipro, Meritor, Pattabhi Enterprises, L&T, Marc Battery Road, Chamundi Silks and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer (EE), CESC, V.V. Mohalla Division.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Shaping Mysuru's DANCE LEGACY...

Dr. Kripa Phadke empowers through dance, passes on fine arts to future generations

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Dance is more than an art form — it is an expression of culture, tradition and human emotion. Bharatanatyam, one of India's most revered classical dance forms, is a synthesis of rhythm, story-telling and devotion that has been passed down for generations. On the occasion of International Women's Day, *Star of Mysore* proudly honours the inspiring women achievers of Mysuru who continue to shape the society with their talent, dedication and accomplishments.

One such remarkable woman is danseuse Dr. Kripa Phadke, a torch-bearer of Bharatanatyam, who has passionately worked for over three decades to popularise the classical dance form among Mysuru's youth through her Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre in Srirampura.

Born in Mundaje village, Belthangady taluk of Dakshina Kannada district, Kripa Phadke moved to Mysuru in 1995 to pursue her undergraduate studies in dance at the University of Mysore's Fine Arts College.

She not only completed her post-graduation in Bharatanatyam but also earned a post-graduate degree in Veena and later a Ph.D. in Music. Additionally, she holds a postgraduate degree in Sanskrit from the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU).

A social service mission

A disciple of esteemed gurus such as Shanthala awardee K. Muralidhar Rao, Karnataka Kalashree P. Kamalaksha Acharya, Dr. S.V. Rukmini and Karnataka Kalashree V. Nanjunda Swamy, Kripa Phadke has embraced Bharatanatyam not only as a profession but as a mission of social service.

She has actively contributed to cultural organisations such as Ganabharathi, Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Samskara Bharati, Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Committee, Nrityakala Parishath and Bhagavati Mahila Samithi. Notably, she was the first woman to serve as the Secretary of Ganabharathi in Mysuru.

"The journey has been exciting so far. Coming from a lineage of musicians on my maternal side and educators on my paternal side, I have been fortunate to balance both my education and passion," shares Dr. Kripa Phadke. Currently, she is the visiting faculty at Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music & Performing Arts University in Mysuru.

Nurturing numerous students

Upon arriving in Mysuru, she trained under Vid. Kamalaksha Acharya, initially conducting classes in a small garage at the residence of G.T. Narayana Rao. Post-graduation, she embarked on her teaching career at Ganabharathi, nurturing numerous students in the art of Bharatanatyam.

Under her guidance, over 1,000 students have mastered Bharatanatyam, with 60 completing their Vidwat and 40 achieving Rangapravesha. Many of her students have gone on to establish dance schools across India and abroad.

Dr. Kripa strongly believes that Bharatanatyam has a promising future, with increasing numbers of students each year. However, she expresses concern over the fact that many trained dancers discontinue their practice due to professional and family obligations.

"I have seen many young talents unable to pursue their passion because of career and family commitments. I firmly believe that people should continue their artistic pursuits — be it dance, music or drama — as it contributes to both physical and mental well-being," she adds.

A strong advocate for fine arts education, she calls for the appointment of dance and music teachers in schools to nurture artistic talent from a young age. She believes that one of the main reasons young people hesitate to pursue fine arts professionally is the lack of financial security.

"If the government appoints dance and music teachers in schools and colleges, more youths will be encouraged to take up fine arts as a viable career," she opines.

Dr. Kripa Phadke is married to K. Vijay Kumar, a retired Officer from the Railway Mail Service. Their daughter, Pooja Sugam, has followed in her mother's footsteps, dedicating herself to fine arts.

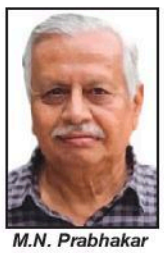
Gandhi Shilp Bazaar expo begins in city

Mysuru, Mar. 15- The Gandhi Shilp Bazaar exhibition, sponsored by the Directorate of Handloom Handicrafts and Sericulture, Government of Tripura, was inaugurated by Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ukesh Kumar at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal yesterday.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju presided. Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and Director, Directorate of Handloom Handicrafts and Sericulture, Government of Tripura, R. Arun Kumar, Assistant Director (Marketing Department), D.T. Manjuswamy and Assistant Director K.S. Sunil Kumar were present.

The 10-day exhibition, which commenced on Mar. 14, will remain open until Mar. 23 from 10 am to 9 pm. Entry to the exhibition is free. Gandhi Shilp Bazaar aims to promote and showcase traditional handicrafts and handlooms from across India, providing a platform for artisans to display and sell their handicrafts.

Talk on temple architecture



M.N. Prabhakar

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BS)- The 101st 'Interaction with Achievers' organised by Mysore Art Gallery under its Monthly Series, at its premises on Ramanuja Road in the city, tomorrow (Mar. 16) at 11 am will feature M.N. Prabhakar, an expert in temple architecture.

Retired lecturer of history Prof. L.N. Swamy will be the chief guest. Founder-President of Mysuru Art Gallery L. Shivalingappa will preside.

Noted gamaki G.N. Padma, retired History Professor Dr. Usharani, researcher and Director of Green One NGO Pawan Mourya Chakravarty, Deputy Superintending Epigraphist, Office of the Director of Epigraphy, Dr. S. Nagarajappa and expert in Ancient History and Archaeology Dr. S.N. Shivarudra Swamy will be the special invitees.

Profile: M.N. Prabhakar, who is a Science graduate and worked as a bank manager, had a passion for temple architecture, study of inscriptions and culture and the related aspects. His research articles have been published by the University of Mysore, Hampi Kannada University and Bangalore University. He has submitted his findings in the form of essays at History Academy and other institutions of repute. He has an expertise in capturing the photographs of gopura (tower), garbhagudi (sanctum sanctorum), designs of the foundation, dwibanga, tribanga and abangha (of the idols), sthanika lakshana and weapons in the hands of the idols, thus leaving the viewers awestruck.

There is no definite information on the progeny of architecture, but on the basis of available written manuscripts, Prabhakar has done a study on the evolution of architecture, on the basis of 18 rishis including Vishwakarma, Mayanagjit, Narada, Purandara, Garga, Shukra and Bruhaspati to name a few. He has innate ability to educate the common man in a heart touching manner about the intricacies of architecture.

Obituary

Sulbha Suresh

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Sulbha Suresh (78), wife of late G.A. Suresh Kumar and a resident of No.783, Band Bungalow Road, Nazarbad, Mysuru, passed away this morning.

She leaves behind three sons (Sujith, Sumeeth and Sushanth), daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

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Keeping Cool...

How city Zoo is helping animals beat the heat

Zoo deploys stringent health protocols, surveillance, rapid response team to tackle bird flu threat

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BCT)- As temperatures soar, the Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Mysuru Zoo, has stepped up its efforts to ensure the well-being of its animals by implementing various measures to mitigate heat stress.

With a focus on hydration, cooling systems and dietary adjustments, these initiatives aim to provide relief and maintain optimal health conditions for the Zoo's diverse residents.

One of the primary strategies employed is the activation of water jets, foggers and sprinklers across all enclosures. These cooling systems help regulate temperatures and offer immediate relief from the sweltering heat.

Fruity solution

Special attention has been given to certain species, such as the Great Apes, which receive fresh tender coconuts twice a day. To enhance their comfort, fans and coolers have been installed in their night cells, creating a more bearable environment.

Primates, known for their sensitivity to extreme weather, are also provided with frozen fruits, fruit juices and fruit popsicles to keep them hydrated and refreshed.

Additionally, their diet has been modified to include hydrating foods like watermelon, muskmelon and cucumber, along with Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) to prevent dehydration.

Ice to the rescue

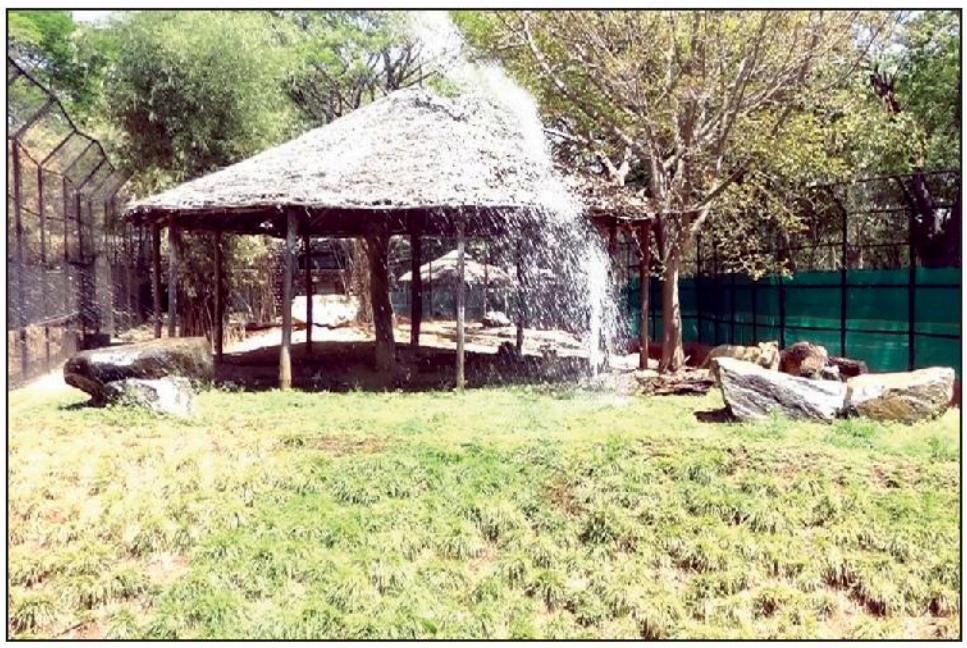
Himalayan Black Bears, accustomed to colder climates, are being given ice blocks to help them stay cool, while herbivores have been provided with mud wallows where they can roll around and lower their body temperature naturally.

These thoughtful measures ensure that each species gets the care it needs to adapt to the summer conditions.

To monitor and manage the heat levels effectively, thermometers have been placed inside enclosures, helping caretakers track temperature fluctuations. Shaded resting areas have also been set up to give animals a respite from direct sunlight.

A gorilla is seen relishing frozen fruits and ice at its enclosure. High water content keeps the primate rehydrated.

Fruit popsicles containing water melons, banana slices, apples and pineapples ready to be fed.



Water jets keeping the enclosures of carnivorous animals cool at Mysuru Zoo.

By integrating scientific solutions and species-specific care, the Zoo has made sure that they create a comfortable habitat even in this heat.

Strict measures to prevent spread of bird flu

Mysuru Zoo has ramped up its preventive measures to curb the spread of communicable diseases among captive animals at Zoo, Karanji Lake Nature Park and Chamundi Wildlife Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli.

With a special focus on avian influenza (bird flu), stringent disinfection, surveillance and feeding protocols have been put in place.

To prevent contamination, disinfection dips have been installed at vehicle entry gates, ensuring all incoming vehicles carrying staff, officers, food and other supplies pass through a sanitisation path.

Similarly, disinfection foot dips have been placed at staff and visitor entry gates, as well as at individual enclosures to minimise cross-infection risks. The use of hand sanitisers has been mandated before and after handling animals, their waste and food materials.

Veterinary teams are conducting rigorous clinical surveillance, training Zookeepers to identify abnormal signs among animals. Personnel at Karanji Lake have been instructed to report any migratory bird deaths immediately.

Serological surveillance

Additionally, **serological surveillance** (monitoring for antibodies against the avian influenza virus in blood samples to track disease spread) is being carried out for both captive and migratory birds based on scientific recommendations, while faecal samples from birds at the Zoo and Karanji Lake are being tested at the regional disease diagnostic laboratory.

A Rapid Response Team, comprising a veterinarian, lab technician and four keepers, has been formed to handle emergencies, ensuring swift containment of any outbreak and maintaining a disease-free environment within its premises.

MCC faces Rs. 25.65 cr. revenue loss

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As per the decision, road excavation using open trench method required a fee of Rs. 2,250 per metre, while the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method was set at Rs. 1,000 per metre.

From Rs. 1,857 to Re.1 per metre

As per the Government's subsequent order, a road-cutting fee of Rs. 1,857 per metre was fixed, along with a Rs. 100 supervision fee. Based on this rate, permission was granted for approximately 45 kilometres of gas pipelines, generating a total revenue of Rs. 9,64,21,500.

However, the Nov. 7, 2023, order titled State Policy on the Development of Urban Gas Distribution Network stressed the need to make gas pipeline installation permissions more affordable.

The new directive proposed that the combined permission and supervision fees be capped at Rs. 1,000 per kilometre. Consequently, the previously fixed fee of Rs. 1,957 per metre was slashed to an astonishing Re. 1 per metre, the MLA pointed out.

This drastic reduction means that the cost per kilometre now

stands at just Rs. 1,000, leading to an estimated revenue loss of over Rs. 25.65 crore for the MCC.

Concerns have been raised that the policy overwhelmingly benefits private companies while failing to account for the financial shortfall faced by local bodies and crucial infrastructure they must provide. The abrupt implementation of these revised rates without proper impact assessment has drawn criticism, he said.

With MCC struggling to fund developmental projects, the ongoing pipeline works continue to damage well-maintained roads. Meanwhile, reports suggest that private companies have now urged the Government to similarly lower the rates for underground cable installations, aligning them with the newly reduced gas pipeline charges, he noted.

It was firmly emphasised that the rates for underground cable installation must not be reduced under any circumstances. Additionally, a demand was made by the MLA to reinstate the earlier rate of Rs. 1,957 per metre for gas pipeline projects.

In response, Energy Minister K.J. George assured that the proposal to revise and increase gas pipeline installation charges would be reviewed and appropriate action would be taken.

Greater Mysuru: Issues and Challenges

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Drawing from her previous role as MUDA Secretary, Savitha highlighted that MCC and MUDA must take the lead in executing the Government's vision for Greater Mysuru.

She stressed the importance of avoiding haphazard development and underscored the need for continuous dialogue among stakeholders.

"Workshops like these allow greater public participation in urban governance. More such forums must be organised to discuss the challenges of a growing city, devise strategies to address them, and raise awareness about the significance of planned urban expansion," she added.

The workshop was presided over by Dr. L. Shashikumar, Chairman, ITPI Karnataka Regional Chapter and Director, Bangalore Development Authority (Town Planning Member, Bengaluru).

Other prominent attendees included S.B. Honnur, Council Member, Institution of Town Planners, India, New Delhi; Dr. B. Shankar, Convener, Institute of Town Planners, India, Mysuru Centre, and former Director of SPA and Dean, MUSE, University of Mysore; Dr. H.S. Kumara, Professor and Head, School of Planning and Architecture; Prof. Pramod M. Gawari, Director, School of Planning and Architecture; Dr. S. Yashaswini, Secretary, Mysuru Regional Centre, Institute of Town Planners, India; and Vidyadhar Wodeyar, Secretary, Karnataka Regional Chapter, Institute of Town Planners, India.

'Fresh Look at Feminism' event tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- An event titled 'Fresh Look at Feminism' has been organised tomorrow (Mar. 16) between 4 pm and 7 pm at the Phoenix International Academy, Mysuru.

The event will focus on understanding how feminism is beyond just women rights and how feminism is in reality another face of humanism. Contributions of women writers in Kannada that project women's lives will be highlighted.

In the Beyond Gender Pavilion, participants will get the opportunity to engage in mindfully crafted activities. A group of young theatre artistes will present skits.

The event will conclude with a panel discussion where Prof. Umapathy (Political Scientist), Sumana (Lawyer) and Souharda Sivasu (Film Maker) will speak on Constitutional guarantees for women, eliminating gender bias in future generations and feminism as humanism, respectively.

This event has been conceptualised and organised by a team of three women with the support of Books & Brews Library in Gokulam. For details, contact Mob: 84335-53734 or 97407-31957.

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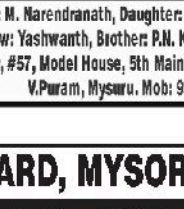

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NEWS BRIEFS

4k projection mapping resumes at Ganapathy Ashram

The weekend 4k projection mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram in Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, Mysuru, which was stopped due to technical reasons, will be resuming from today (7.10 pm, 7.40 pm, 8.10 pm), according to a press release from the Ashram.

Fee refund and fee exemption

The Department of Backward Classes has extended the last date to submit applications for Fee Refund for the year 2024-25 being given to the Post-Matric students belonging to Backward Classes and Category-1 Nomadic/ Semi-Nomadic Community, pursuing PG, and Professional Courses to Mar. 30. Also, the last date to apply for Fee Exemption given to Backward Classes Post-Matric students (PG Degree, professional Degree and PG and Nursing courses) for the year 2024-25, has been extended to Mar. 31. Deserving candidates must submit their online applications through website ***https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in.*** For details, visit ***https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** or call Helpline: 80507-70005 or State Student Scholarship Helpline: 1902. Interested students can visit: ***www.https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in*** to submit online applications. They can also visit: ***www.https:bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** for related government circulars to know the eligibility criteria and the documents to be submitted. For further information call Department Helpline: 80507-70005 or contact through ***email-bcwdhelpline@gmail.com*** or ***postmatrichelp@karnataka.gov.in***.

Swathi Puja on Mar. 18

Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple in Mysuru Branch of Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt on Kalidasa Road on Mar. 18. The rituals will begin with Sankalpa at 8 am, Abhisheka at 9 am, Alankara at 10.30 am, Mahamangalarathi at 11.30 am, Shattumorai at 12.30 pm and prasada distribution at 1 pm, Prakararotsava at 7.30 pm according to Temple Head Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan. For details, contact Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271.

Women's SHGs set to collect drinking water cess, property tax

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SPN&BS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is set to hand over the task of maintenance of public play grounds and parks and collection of water cess and property tax to Women's Self Help Groups (SHGs) under 'AMRUT Mitra' Yojana.

The members of SHGs functioning in the jurisdiction of Town Panchayat, City Municipal Council (CMC), Town Municipal Council (TMC) and the City Corporations in the State, will be henceforth recognised as 'AMRUT Mitra.' Apart from the maintenance of public parks, the Women's SHGs will be shouldering the responsibility of testing the quality of drinking water.

The intention behind this unique scheme is to identify the SHGs formed under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) campaign in the limits of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and provide an opportunity to participate in discharging public duties. It would also open doors for the empowerment of women and increase the responsibilities of the SHGs.

As part of which, in the first phase, they will be entrusted with the task of maintenance of public parks and play grounds and testing drinking water quality and collection of property tax.

The pilot project in this regard was successfully implemented at Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada district, where a total of 23 works had been entrusted to women SHGs.

J.S. Bhyralingaiah, Officer of AMRUT 2.0 Campaign, said: "In the first phase, a total of 152 projects at the estimated cost of Rs. 10 crore will be handed over to the Women SHGs, who should have registered under DAY-NULM initiative. They should have a proven record of holding meetings, continuous savings, internal disbursal of loan, time bound repayment of loan and maintenance of records."

In the State, 152 projects have got approval in the first stage, under which the tasks related to the maintenance of public parks and playgrounds, collection of water cess and property tax will be handed over to Women SHGs.

In the next stage, the responsibilities pertaining to meter reading, bill generation and issuance, collection of fees, maintenance of pump house, beautification of plant area among several other tasks will be handed over to them.

The motive behind the same is to hone the skills, empowerment of women and involvement in community oriented responsibilities, said Byralingaiah.

In the drinking water front alone, the Women SHGs have a herculean task of collecting over Rs. 30 crore towards water bills in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits.

The following Women SHGs have been roped in for the task- Chamundeshwari Women SHG led by Sumalatha, Dhaaneshwari Stree Shakti Mahila Sangha, Alanahalli, led by Meenakshi, Sharathi Stree Shakti Mahila Sangha led by G. Vijayalakshmi, Ankalaparameshwari Stree Shakti Sangha and Arora Mahila Stree Shakti Sangha led by Yashoda.

The decision has been taken on handing over the maintenance of public parks and the playgrounds to six Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), who shall start discharging their duties upon receiving the Work Order.

—Mohan, Assistant Director, Horticulture Division, MCC

Fourteen Women's SHGs have been trained in collecting water cess, property tax and maintenance of public parks and playgrounds. The MCC Commissioner has issued instructions to issue administrative approval.

—J.S. Bhyralingaiah, Officer, AMRUT 2.0, MCC

For the first time, Women SHGs are being involved in collecting water cess, property tax and maintenance of public parks and playgrounds, which is considered as a better decision. However, it is essential to provide them adequate security cover during the collection of water cess and property tax. The District Administration and MCC Commissioner should take a look into the security aspect.

—Prasanna, State Secretary, Jana Sangrama Parishat

The property tax estimated at over Rs. 36 crore remain to be collected and the members of following Women SHGs, have been handed over the responsibility to collect the arrears: Spoorthi Stree Shakti Sangha, Azeez Sait Nagar, led by Reshma, Sanjeevini Stree Shakti Sangha led by Vijayalakshmi and Mallige Stree Shakti Sangha led by H.R. Savitha.

The maintenance of public parks and play grounds has been handed over to the following Women SHGs: Annapoorneshwari Mahila Sangha led by Rashmi, Sri Lakshmi Saraswathi Stree Shakti Sangha led by Jayalakshmi and Shruti, Sammati Stree Shakti Sangha led by Saraswati, Gulshan Stree Shakti Sangha led by Hajeera Sultana Gulshan Bhanu, Noor Stree Shakti Mahila Sangha led by Syed Salma Banu.

Miscreant barges into house, snatches gold chain

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&KS)- A miscreant, who barged into a house, brandished a machete, snatched the gold chain from the house occupant and fled from the spot. The incident took place at the house of Girish, located at Police Layout 2nd Stage, near Tirumala School at SPV Nagar in city on Thursday night.

At about 9.30 pm on Thursday, the miscreant, wearing a helmet and muffler, barged into the house, brandished a machete, threatened Girish and snatched the 23-gram gold chain Girish was wearing and fled from the spot.

Based on the complaint from Girish, Alanahalli Police, who visited the house, conducted mahazar, registered a case and have collected footages of CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity besides launching a hunt to nab the miscreant.

VVWW Engineers instructed to stop flow of sewage water into lakes

MCC Commissioner asks engineers to prepare an action plan

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&KS)- MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif has instructed the Engineers of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) to prepare an action plan to stop the flow of sewage water from residential layouts and industrial effluents into lakes.

The MCC Commissioner instructed the Engineers after visiting Lingambudhi Lake, Bogadi and Hebbal Lakes on Thursday between 6.45 am and 10 am. He was accompanied by VVWW Executive Engineers Ashwin and Shilpa, Assistant Executive Engineer Dhanush and others.

Star of Mysore had published a new item titled 'Hebbal Lake Choked' on Mar. 5 and Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) had also lodged a complaint in this regard following which the MCC Commissioner visited the lakes and instructed the VVWW Engineers to prepare an action plan.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said that the matter will be discussed in the next Council Meeting to get the approval and implement the action plan.

Unidentified Body found

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police, on Mar. 10, have found a body of an unidentified man in Basava Express Train and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 50 and 55 years, 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, light brown complexioned, oval faced, sports beard and moustache and was wearing a grey and khaki coloured jerkin, blue coloured night pant and pink colour full arm shirt. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

A Kannada book on cricket

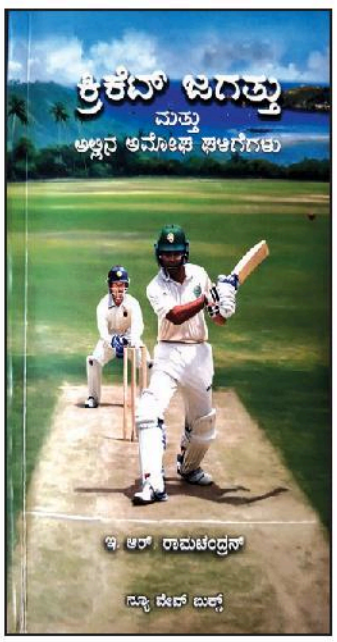
By Dr. C.G. Narasimhan

Dr. C.G. Narasimhan

Cricket in India has become a household name with great excitement and euphoria more so if our boys and girls do well and win a match and tournament. It is watched and talked about by millions of people, young or old. Quite a number of books mainly in English in the form of 'how to play cricket' and biographies by former players have come out but very few in Kannada.

Recently I came across one such book written by a good friend E.R. Ramachandran (ERR) of Mysuru, who is an avid cricket buff, a writer in Kannada and who is contributing to many magazines. The title of the book is '*Cricket Jagattu Mattu Allina Amogha Ghaligegalu*' (ಕ್ರಿಕೆಟ್ ಜಗತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಮೋಘ ಘಳಿಗೆಗಳು). The book was released recently by none other than our own 'Mysore Express' Javagal Srinath. It is a nicely designed and printed 240-page book with 23 black and white photographs. There are 24 chapters each of about 7 to 8 pages which one can finish reading in about four hours.

There are several interesting topics right from the history of cricket, how it originated in England, when it came to India, about many erstwhile and present cricketers of India and other countries, to some scoreboards and statistics of a few important matches. A diagram on page 16 is a useful guide to know the fielding positions. It is amazing being an engineer working in many cities across India and abroad how Ramachandran could store all the data of over several decades. He has left no stones unturned covering most of the noted events and cricketers of the world. For the present generation to know, he has written about the old timers of India Col. C.K. Nayudu, Vijay Merchant, Vijay Hazare and also about L.T. Adisesh, L.T. Subbu, Kasturirangan and other cricketers of Karnataka (Mysore then).

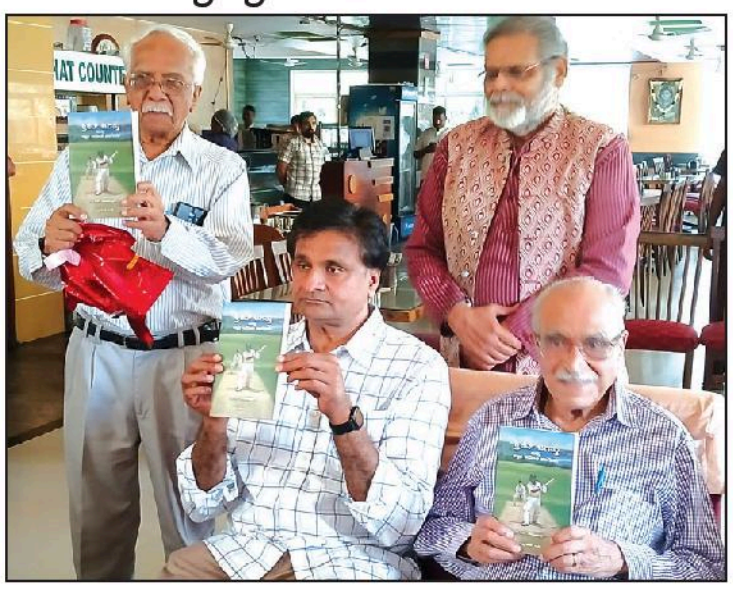


Title: 'Cricket Jagattu Mattu Allina Amogha Ghaligegalu'
Author: E.R. Ramachandran
Year: 2025
Pages: 240
Price: Rs. 300
Publisher: New Wave Books

Each chapter is thoughtfully titled in Kannada like naming Don Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar as 'Lion and Cub of Cricket', naming Hanif Mohammad of Pakistan, Sunil Gavaskar, G.R. Vishwanath and Tendulkar as 'Little Masters of Cricket', Kapil Dev and M.S. Dhoni as 'Priceless Jewels' and the list goes on. There are interesting stories starting from Saurav Ganguly, Anil Kumble and Javagal Srinath to Virat Kohli and Rohith Sharma.

The writer has taken care to mention about women's cricket and about Karnataka's Shantha Rangaswamy to Mithali Raj also. The preface of this excellent compendium in Kannada is written by none other than our esteemed nonagenarian Bapu Satyanarayana. Being a connoisseur of music, he has very aptly compared Test, ODI and T20 cricket to classical music, light music and pop music respectively. Continuing in the same vein, I would like to compare the T20 cricket to hit film songs. Myself being a cricketer during my younger days, I would strongly recommend Ramachandran's book to all Kannada & cricket buffs of Mysuru.

Cricket Jagattu Mattu Allina Amogha Ghaligegalu book released



Former Indian Cricketer and ICC Match Referee Javagal Srinath** (sitting left) **releasing the book** Cricket Jagattu Mattu Allina Amogha Ghaligegalu, **authored by E.R. Ramachandran of Mysuru, at a function held at a private hotel in city recently. Others seen are** (standing from left) **author E.R. Ramachandran and Ranbir and** (sitting right) **H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana.

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Notice is hereby issued to the General Public that my client **Mr. Syed Mohammed Waseem** has filed the case bearing O.S No.381/2025 before VI ADDL. Senior Civil Judge and JMFC at Mysuru against defendants i.e Mrs. Razia Sultana & Others seeking relief of specific performance of contract with respect to the schedule mentioned property. Further the above said honorable court has granted interim stay against the defendants not to alienate the schedule mentioned property to anybody till the next date of hearing. Hence the general public is hereby cautioned not to deal or make any sought of transactions with **1. Mrs. Razia Sultana, 2. Mrs. Fasin Naveed, 3. Mr. Ashfaq Sheriff, 4. Mr. Iftiaq Sheriff and 5. Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Sheriff** all are residing at No.100, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Subhash nagar, Mysuru-570007 with respect to schedule mentioned property by entering into any sale agreement, sale deed, General power of Attorney or any other deed in any manner.
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Item wise tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per Karnataka transparency in Public Procurement at KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through E-procurement. The contractors/firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website i.e. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approximate Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)
1	Renovation to Existing Building and developmental works at B.R. Hills Bus Station.	17.00	42,500/-
2	Providing road humps to the various bus stations of Mysuru City Division.	9.77	24,425/-

1) Last date for Receipt of tenders: **03.04.2025. 2)** Interested Bidders can login to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details **on or after 19.03.2025. 3)** Any other information required can be had from the Office of The Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandella Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours, **Phone No: 0821-2498828.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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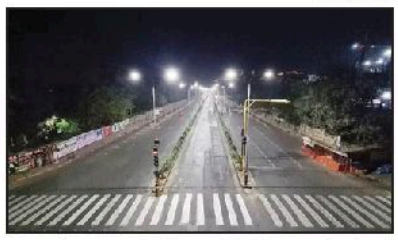
WORD OF THE DAY

Curfew



Pronunciation: KER-fyoo (Noun)
Meaning: Curfew refers to a law or order that requires people to be indoors after a certain time at night, as well as to the period of time when such an order or law is in effect. Chiefly in the United States, curfew is also used to refer to the time set by a parent or caregiver at which a child has to be back home after going out.
Origin: Curfews set by parents (and kept or broken by their offspring) do not echo the origins of the word curfew in any discernable way—if they did, they'd need to at least hint at the sound of a bell. When curfew was first used in the 14th century, it referred to the sounding of a bell at evening to alert people that they should cover their hearth fires for the night—a necessary warning, as many European houses in the Middle Ages were close enough to each other that fires could spread easily from one to the next. The word came to English from Anglo-French, in which the signal was called coverfeu, a compound of covrir, meaning "to cover," and feu, "fire." Even when hearth fires were no longer regulated, many towns had other rules that called for ringing an evening bell, including one that required people to be off the streets by a given time, a development that granted curfew permission to go out and about with a broader meaning.
Example: "[Lew] Alcindor narrowed his college choice to Michigan, Columbia, St. John's, and UCLA. He liked Columbia as the chance to attend school walking distance to Harlem and a subway ride to the jazz clubs he had to leave early as a high schooler to make curfew." — Scott Howard-Cooper, Kingdom on Fire: Kareem, Wooden, Walton, and the Turbulent Days of the UCLA Basketball Dynasty, 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Teraphobia

Fear of monsters.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Charley Horse

Meaning: The phrase 'Charley Horse' refers to a painful, persistent cramp in one's leg, typically from strain.
Origin: The term 'Charley Horse' was first used among baseball players in the 1880s. It alludes to the name of an elderly, limping draft horse that was employed to drag the baseball diamond's infield.
Example: "I got a bad Charley Horse after swimming for an hour."

QUOTE BOX

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

—Confucius

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Answer: Neighbourhood Watch.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Unforeseen difficulty
5 Truck running on rails
9 Maui garland
12 Mystery writer John Dickson ___
13 Their capital for the Italians?
14 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
15 Concerning (2,2)
16 Friendly
18 Musical beat
20 Portent master
21 Burial places
23 Exposes flax or hemp to moisture?
26 He conducts autopsies
29 Our (French)
30 Employ
31 Run away to marry
33 ___ Aviv : capital of Israel?
34 Spanish hero and old time movie? (2,3)
36 Falls asleep (4,3)
38 DI in DIY (2,2)
39 Emit or give out
40 Greenish-blue duck
42 Local inhabitant
46 Theatrical or histrionic
49 Halls, theatres
50 Suffer
51 Was carried
52 Dart or move about swiftly
53 Navigation Mgmnt. Sys.
54 Author __ Blyton
55 Low-lying districts

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	N	C	A	■	N	I	P	S	■	A	P	T
R	O	A	M	■	T	R	A	P	■	B	I	D
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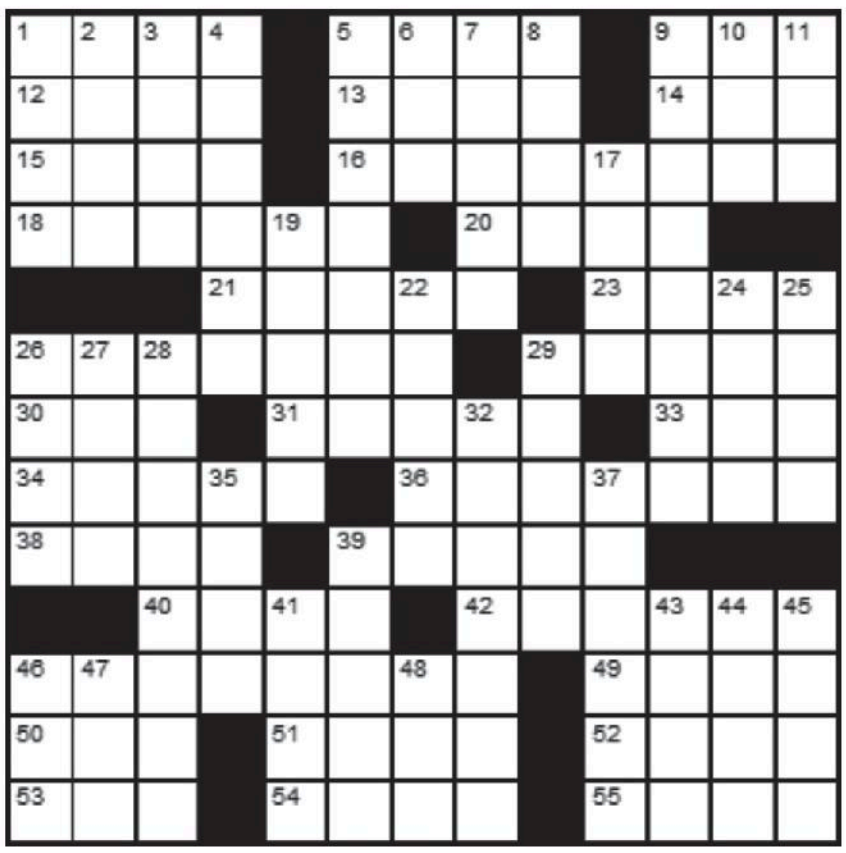
B	E	E	■	P	I	S	A	■	I	A	M	A

DOWN

1 Mark, result of injury
2 Crosby, Stills and ____?
3 Affected or pretentious
4 A cave or cavern
5 Hamper, as drag-net does
6 Read Only Memory, in short
7 Out of order
8 Metal-headed war-club
9 Words of an opera
10 Long fish
11 Another word for 'anger'
17 Flight prefix
19 Sharpened by whetting on a stone
22 Famous zoo site in New York
24 Not kosher
25 One's own person
26 Gave a signal to an actor?
27 Scandinavian capital
28 Musical performances
29 Soprano character of Pagliacci
32 ___ on : jumped suddenly on?
35 Bit of news
37 Begin a journey (3,3)
39 Pop star ___ John
41 Swiss river - change of "area"?
43 Inactive
44 Blood-vessel
45 Consumes "teas" for a change?
46 Author __ Brown
47 Outer edge
48 Uganda's Amin



SUDOKU

		3		4		5		
4	5				6			9
		9	5					
					2		5	
5				9				4
	1		8					
					3	9		
6			7				8	2
		8		6		1		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	8	4	3	2	1	7	6
4	6	2	7	1	9	5	8	3
3	7	1	6	5	8	4	9	2
8	2	4	3	7	5	9	6	1
7	3	6	1	9	4	2	5	8
5	1	9	2	8	6	7	3	4
6	4	5	8	2	7	3	1	9
2	9	3	5	6	1	8	4	7
1	8	7	9	4	3	6	2	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MR XLKR AC FCHG ELVZ. AQRF'DD

KQCCZR FCHG XHGZLXU QCIR.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I don't know where you cross the line between architecture and sculpture. It is the same. Buildings and sculpture are three-dimensional objects.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Appu (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Bheema (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Gagana Kusuma (K) - 2 Shows; *Robber (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Duster (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Court: State vs A Nobody (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Daaku Maharaaj (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Sweetheart (Ta) - 4 Shows
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The Diplomat (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 12.50 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 pm
Interstellar (E)	(S-1)	3.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Novocaine (E)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 10.20 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
	(S-3)	10 am
Court: State vs A Nobody (Te)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Dilruba (Te)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Sweetheart (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Ah (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Appu (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7 pm, 9.45 pm

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Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Perusu (Ta)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Sweetheart (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Appu (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm 4.15 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm
Dilruba (Te)	(S-2)	9.25 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-3)	6.10 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

The Diplomat (H)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Appu (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.50 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.45 pm
Court: State vs A Nobody (Te)	:	10.10 am, 6.55 pm
Fanaa (H)	:	11 am
Novocaine (E)	:	11 am, 4.40 pm
Interstellar (E)	:	11.05 am, 5.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Perusu (Ta)	:	1.15 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	1.20 pm, 7 pm
Dune: Part Two (E)	:	2.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Taare Zameen Par (H)	:	3 pm
Dilruba (Te)	:	3.50 pm
Talaash (H)	:	7 pm
Inn Galiyon Mein (H)	:	9.45 pm
Sweetheart (Ta)	:	10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

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Appu (K)	:	9.30 am, 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Court: State vs A Nobody (Te)	:	10.05 am, 1.20 pm
Sweetheart (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 4.25 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Murmur (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
Forest (K)	:	4.05 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	7.05 pm
Perusu (Ta)	:	7.25 pm
Dilruba (Te)	:	10 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	10.15 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Chhaava (H)	:	9.55 am, 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Appu (K)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Novocaine (E)	:	11.10 am, 7.05 pm
Sweetheart (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
Perusu (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	4.10 pm
Court: State vs A Nobody (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Dilruba (Te)	:	10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Chhaava (H)	:	9.55 am, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Appu (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.15 pm, 3.55 pm 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Perusu (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 4.35 pm
Ah! (K)	:	1.25 pm
Sweetheart (Ta)	:	1.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Court: State vs A Nobody (Te)	:	4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Dilruba (Te)	:	7.15 pm

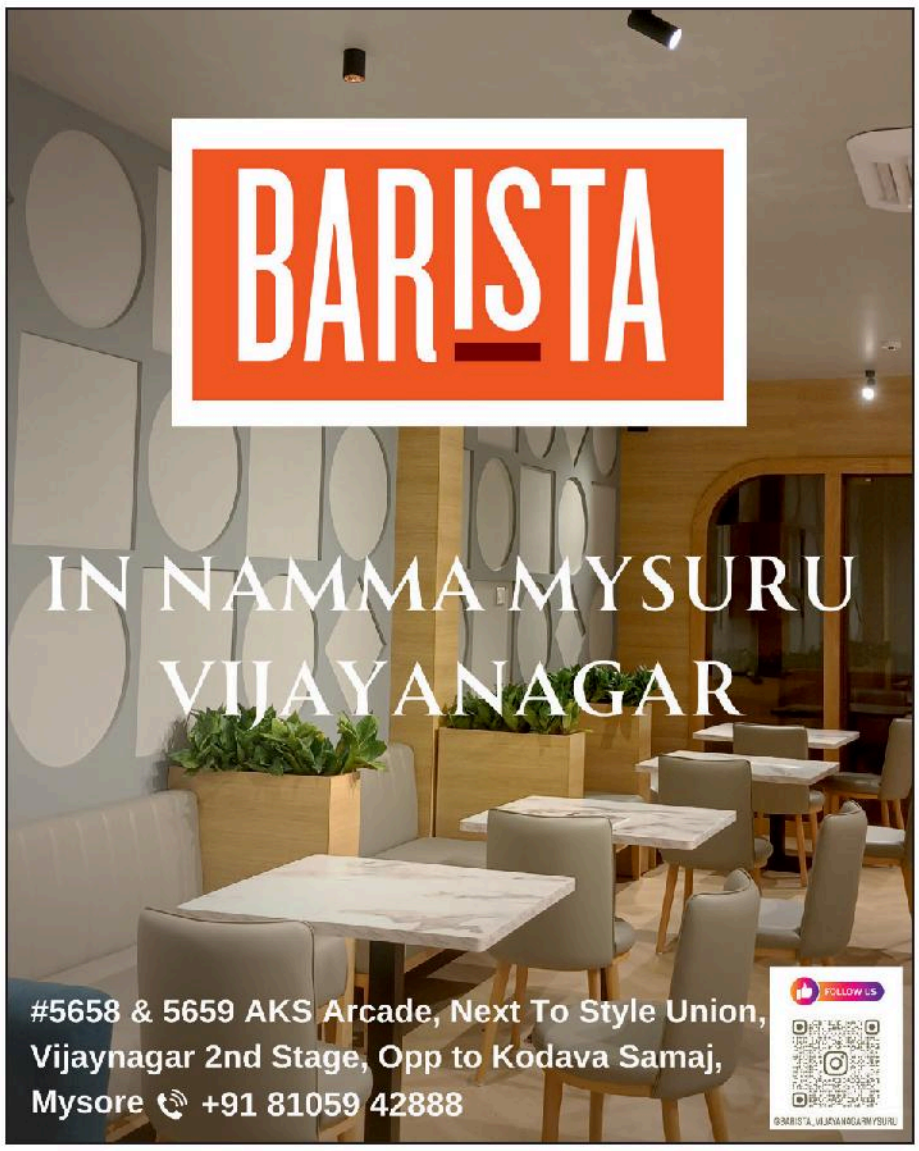
NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 15)

- **Suyog Group of Medical Institutions, Suyog College of Nursing, Suyog Institute of Allied Health Sciences:** Graduation Day and Lamp Lighting Ceremony-2025; felicitation to RGUHS Vice-Chancellor Dr. B.C. Bhagavan, KSOU auditorium, Mukthagangothri campus, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni - 871,' story-telling by Kollegala Sharma, renowned Science Writer, Mysuru; Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Nataka Academy, Bengaluru and Rangayana, Mysuru:** Book Prize Presentation Ceremony, senior writer C. Sarvamangala distributes book prize, Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music & Performing Arts University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote chief guest, Karnataka Nataka Academy Chairman Dr. K.V. Nagaraj Murthy presides, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur and Kannada & Culture Department Mysuru Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy guests of honour, book prize winners: Dr. Basavaraj Sabarada, Bengaluru-2021, Dr. T.V. Venkateshamurthy, Bengaluru-2022 and Rameshwari Verma, Mysuru-2023, **5 pm;** Staging of play 'Aayan Shanti Kuteera' by Samathento Theatre Troupe, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra:** Monthly music programme, Bharatanatyam recital by Bharatha Nritya Sangeetha Academy, Bengaluru, led by Guru Vidushi Dr. Shubharani Bolar, accompanied by Kavitha and Akshaya on vocal, Vid. M. Kishore on mridanga and Vid. K.S. Ganesh on flute, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya - Academy of Music and Dance, Hebbal, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of M.R. Dhanya (daughter of M.N. Poornima and G.M. Rajashekar), disciple of Vidu. Mithra Naveen, Dr. Sri Trinetra Mahantha Shivayogi Swamiji, Peethadhipati, Baby Mutt & DMS Chandravana Ashram, Prof. M. Krishnegowda, renowned humourist and retired Principal of St. Philomena's College, Mysuru and Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Artistic Director, Noopura Kalavidaru Trust, Mysuru, guests of honour, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Classical music concert in memory of Venu Vidwan A.V. Prakash, veena recital by Vidu. Aishwarya Manikarnike, supported by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Dheemantha Bhatta on ghata, Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Sri Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Technical Talk on 'World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development' by Dr. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru and Dean, VTU, Belagavi; Dr. R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 16)

- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on 'Development as Swaraj - Towards a Sustainable and Equitable Future' by Dr. Sumanas Koulagi of Janapada Seva Trust, Melukote, Kalpa Kshetra, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536]
- **Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Women's Unit and Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru:** Chutuku Ratna Dr. M. Akbar Ali's Centenary Celebrations, MLA Tanveer Sait inaugurates, Parishat President Maddikere Gopal offers floral tribute to a portrait of Dr. M. Akbar Ali, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) and Journalist Rajeev will deliver talk on Dr. Akbar Ali, Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Ratna Halappagowda inaugurates Chutuku Kavigoshti, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Central Committee State Chief Convenor Chutuku Yugacharya Dr. MGR Urs presides, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Vijayanagar, **10.45 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Interaction with Achievers 101 (Achiever of the Month: Temple Vastu Expert M.N. Prabhakar), retd. History Lecturer Prof. L.N. Swamy chief guest, Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa presides, Gallery premises, **11 am.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Classical music concert in memory of Venu Vidwan A.V. Prakash, flute recital by Vid. L.V. Mukund, accompanied by Vid. Vaibhava Ramani on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Sri Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Sathya Sai University for Suman Excellence, Yeliyur Mandya:** Nadopasana, a Medley of Classical, Folk, Vocal and Instrumental Music by talented members, Kalpa Kshetra, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94498-19536]
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Mr. Bogies,' directed by H.K. Dwarakanath, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]



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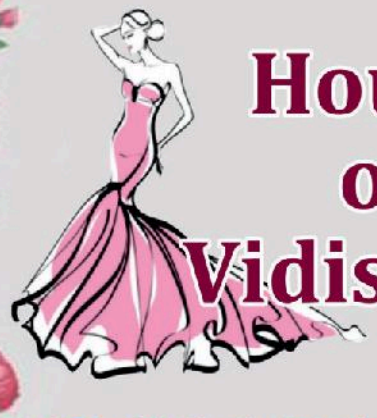

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